

# Objectives Development Exercise

## Los Angeles County Floodplain Management Plan Update

### Respondents

There were 5 responses to the objectives development exercise. All responses were from primary members.

### Mission Statement

*Protect life, property, the economy and the environment of Los Angeles County by identifying and communicating risks and sustainable actions to reduce flood hazards.*

### Goals

- Protect life, safety, property and economy.
- Work with local citizens and watershed management groups so that residents understand the flood hazard of the region based upon best available data and science.
- Increase resilience of infrastructure and critical facilities.
- Account for flood risk in land use and planning.
- Preserve, enhance or restore the natural environment's floodplain functions.
- Encourage the development and implementation of long-term, cost-effective and environmentally sound mitigation projects.

### Objectives

The following objectives were identified for further consideration by at least two respondents. The Steering Committee will review, reword and combine these statements to reduce redundancy and to customize them for this planning effort. There is no “magic number” for objectives, but the Steering Committee should aim for somewhere around 10 to 15 objectives.

Objective Number	Objective Exercise #	Objective
1.	O-7	Work cooperatively with public agencies with responsibility for flood protection, and with stakeholders in planning for flood and inundation hazards (from County general plan)
2.	O-45	Coordinate with other agencies to understand the impacts of flood-related hazards, such as wildfire
3.	O-29	Assure coordination between the County and adjoining communities.

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4.	O-19	Establish a partnership among all levels of government and the business community to improve and implement methods to protect property.
5.	O-17	Continually provide state, county, and local agencies with updated information about flood hazards, vulnerabilities, and mitigation measures.
6.	O-37	Inform the public on the risk exposure to flood hazards and ways to increase the public's capability to prepare, respond, recover and mitigate the impacts of these events.
7.	O-31	Create a public outreach strategy and advertising campaign.
8.	O-23	Develop and distribute to local agencies, stakeholders and the public maps of high-risk areas.
9.	O-26	Strengthen the message of flood hazard mitigation in disaster preparedness programs.
10.	O-39	Utilize the best available data, science and technologies to improve understanding of the location and potential impacts of flood hazards, the vulnerability of building types and community development patterns, and the measures needed to protect life safety.
11.	O-16	Prevent (or discourage) new development in hazardous areas or ensure that if building occurs in high-risk areas that it is done in such a way as to minimize risk.
12.	O-35	Consider the impacts of flood hazards in all planning mechanisms that address current and future land uses within the planning area.
13.	O-1	Discourage development in the County's Flood Hazard Zones (from County general plan)
14.	O-2	Discourage development from locating in dam and reservoir inundation routes (from County general plan)
15.	O-24	Integrate flood hazard mitigation policies into land use plans within the planning area.
16.	O-44	Seek ways to integrate floodplain management goals and objectives into other existing plans and programs within the planning area.

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17.	O-11	Consider open space land uses within identified high-hazard risk zones.
18.	O-33	Provide the highest degree of flood hazard protection at the least cost by working with natural systems and by using prevention as the first priority.
19.	O-10	Seek projects that minimize or mitigate their impact on the environment.
20.	O-20	Ensure that all mitigation projects are reviewed for compliance with all applicable environmental laws.
21.	O-12	Seek mitigation projects that provide the highest degree of flood hazard protection at the least cost.
22.	O-15	Retrofit, purchase, or relocate structures in high hazard areas, especially those known to be repetitively damaged.
23.	O-42	Encourage mitigation of private property.
24.	O-28	Provide/Improve flood protection with flood control structures and drainage maintenance plans.
25.	O-8	Locate essential public facilities, such as hospitals and fire stations, outside of Flood Hazard Zones, where feasible (from County general plan)
26.	O-9	Sustain reliable local emergency operations and facilities during and after a flood event.
27.	O-40	Sustain continuity of emergency and government operations as well as all identified critical facilities during and after a flood event.
28.	O-27	Lower cost of flood insurance premiums through CRS program.
29.	O-4	Consider climate change implications in planning for flood and inundation hazards. (from County general plan)